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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL MEETING, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

REF: GENEVA 405

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, FIRST GATT COUNCIL OF 1976
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16. FOLLOWING ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ON AGENDA.

A. COMMITTEE ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS -
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSULTATION UNDER ARTICLE XVIII:12(B)
WITH PERU (BOGXR/84 OF 15 DEC.), AND REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON 1975 CONSULTATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, EGYPT,
INDIA, INDONESIA, KOREA, PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA
(BOP/R/83 OF 26 NOV.) AND REPORT ON 1975 CONSULTATIONS WITH
ARGENTINA (BOP/R/85 OF 15 DEC.). RECOMMEND WE APPROVE
COUNCIL TAKING NOTE OF REPORTS. WE WILL REPORT IF
THERE ARE ANY INDICATIONS REOPENING DISPUTE WITH
ARGENTINA OVER BOP PROCEDURES OR IF ANY DEVELOPED COUNTRY
INTENDS MAKE STATEMENT REAFFIRMING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES.
AT THIS POINT WE SEE NO NEED FOR A US STATEMENT.

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B. CANADIAN IMPORT QUOTA ON EGGS - REPORT OF WORKING

PARTY (L/4279 OF DEC. 12). RECOMMEND WE APPROVE
COUNCIL TAKING NOTE OF REPORT.
C. EC/EFTA FOREIGN TRADE AGREEMENTS - BIENNIAL REPORT
OF OPERATION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN EC AND ICELAND
(L/4278), NORWAY (L/4269), PORTUGAL (4270), SWEDEN (4271),
AUSTRIA (4272), FINLAND (4276) AND SWITZERLAND (4277).
ALL DOCUMENTS DATED DEC. 15, 1975. NO RECOMMENDATIONS AT
THIS TIME.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS - (Q) ASSESS-
MENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1975 AND 1976
BUDGETS AND ADVANCE TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND (L/4291
OF 14 JAN. 1976) FIXES COLUMBIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE
BUDGET AND ADVANCE TO WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOLLOWING
ITS PROVISIONAL ACCESSION TO GATT AND (B)) ADJUSTMENT OF
THE KINGDON OF NETHERLANDS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1976
BUDGET (L/4290 OF 14 JAN. 1976) REDUCES NETHERLANDS'
CONTRIBUTION OF LIGHT OF INDEPENDENCE OF SURINAM. RE-
COMMEND WE APPROVE BOTH PROPOSALS.

2. ALL OF ABOVE LISTED DOCUMENTS POUCHED WASHINGTON
NORMAL DISTRIBUTION RIGHT AFTER RELEASE.

3. WE HAVE HEARD THAT JAPANESE MAY WANT TO RAISE
MATTER OF ITC AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION IN ESCAPE CLAUSE
PROCEEDING ON ALLOY STEEL. WE WILL TRY TO CONFIRM LATER
BUT SHOULD HAVE GUIDANCE IN ANY EVENT. DALE

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